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1. TAKING ADVANTAGE ALREADY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH SOVIET LEGAL COUNSELLOR, SERGEY SMIRNOV, MISOFF INFORMED SMIRNOV THAT SEVERAL OF HIS COLLEAGUES WOULD SHORTLY RECEIVE USUN NOTES WARNING THEM THAT IF THEIR PARKING PRACTICES DID NOT MARKEDLY IMPROVE THEY WOULD HAVE THEIR DPL PLATES WITHDRAWN AND TAX FREE REGULAR PLATES ISSUED.

2. MISOFF ALSO SAID THAT USUN WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT ACTION FOR TWO MORE RESERVED DPL PARKING SPACES NEAR SOV MISSION (GIVING THEM A TOTAL OF 6) IF USUN COULD BE ASSURED BY SOVIET MISSION AMB THAT SOV MISSION PARKING PRACTICES WOULD IMMEDIATELY AND SUBSTANTIALLY CONFORM TO EXISTING REGULATIONS. MISOFF STATED USUN ACTION ON THESE ADDITIONAL SPEACES WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO BOTH ASSURANCE AND ACTUAL PERFORMANCE.

3. SMIRNOV STATED WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS 40 NOT 2 ADDITIONAL SPACES AND SUGGESTED SOVIETS MIGHT WISH TO REVIEW PARKING SPACES FOR US EMBASSY CARS IN MOSCOW. MISOFF REITERATED THAT MOSCOW A DIFFERENT MATTER AND WHILE PERHAPS COMPARABLE TO PARKING PROBLEM IN WASHINGTON, THERE WAS NO CONNECTION TO CRITICAL SITUATION IN NEW YORK CITY AND THAT FURTHER OUR LOCAL PROBLEMS
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WERE NOT A BILATERAL MATTER BUT PURELY A SMUN/ NEW YORK CITY

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MATTER WHICH SHOULD AND COULD BE WORKED OUT LOCALLY WITH GOODWILL
ON BOTH SIDES.

4. SMIRNOV STATED AMB MALIK WAS UP IN ARMS ABOUT PARKING AT
SMUN, HAD ORDERED HIS STAFF TO STRAIGHTEN UP OR BE PUNISHED
AND AT SAME TIME HAD ORDERED SMIRNOV TO ACTIVELY FIGHT IN HOST
COUNTRY COMITE FOR POSITION THAT HOST COUNTRY IS FULLY BOUND
BY HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT AND VIENNA CONVENTION PROVIDE ALL
NECESSARY FACILITIES TO MISSIONS IN FURTHERANCE THEIR OFFICIAL
DUTIES IN NEW YORK CITY.

5. MISOFF SAID USUN READY AND PREPARED FOR DISCUSSION IN COMITE,
BUT COUNSELLED THAT ONLY REAL SOLUTION WAS A MORE CONSIDERED AND
REALISTIC ATTITUDE BY SMUN. SMIRNOV SAID THAT HE AND MANY OF HIS
COLLEAGUES MIGHT AGREE PRIVATELY THAT THIS WAS CASE BUT MALIK
ALWAYS LIKES "TO FIGHT TO THE FINISH."

6. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT SMUN IS PREPARED TO MOVE SOMEWHAT
CLOSER TO OUR POSITION AND THE BONUS OF TWO ADDITIONAL SPACES
MAY HELP. WE WILL WALK THRU THE USUIDA
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LC THE COMITE WITH
SOVS AND SOME OTHERS BLASTING AWAY WITH THEIR LEGAL ARGUMENTSM
HOWEVER, LITTLE BY LITTLE, SOME UN CIRCLES ARE BEGINNING
TO REALIZE THAT DPL PARKING IS REALLY BEING ABUSED AND THAT
SOME CORRECTIVE ACTION AND BEHAVIOR IS DESIRABLE.
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